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[Despatch Abstract.]

AGRICULTURE : I.C.A.R. : SOIL CONSERVATION IN INDIA : MEETING  
OF THE SOIL SCIENCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF DR.  
BARNETT : DRY FARMING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, BELLARY : PERMITTED  
TO ATTEND-

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract

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AGRICULTURE - Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Soil conservation in India - Meeting of the Soil Science Committee to consider the report of Dr. Shuhart - Dry Farming Development Officer, Bellary - Permitted to attend.

Development Department.

G.O. (Ms) No. 5537.

Dated, the 29th November 1947

READ - the following;

From the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, No. F.60(1)/46-A dated the 3rd November 1947.

From the Director of Agriculture, No. D3.949/47 dated the 18th November 1947.

ORDER:

His Excellency the Governor of Madras, permits Sri P. Krishna Rao, L.Ag., Dry Farming Development Officer, Bellary, to attend the meeting of the Soil Science (now called Chemistry) Committee of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, to be held at New Delhi in December 1947, to consider the report of Dr. Shuhart on Soil conservation in India and draw up specific recommendations.

2- The travelling allowance of the officer for attending the meetings of the Committee will be met by the Madras Government.

3. The Government have no objection to the Council corresponding direct with the Officer on matters relating to the business of the Committee.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

W.R.S. SATTIANATHAN  
Secretary to Government

To the Director of Agriculture.  
To the Accountant-General, through the Finance Department.  
Copy to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

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From  
M.S. Sivaraman, Esq., I.C.S.,  
Director of Agriculture,  
Chepauk, Madras.

To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Development Department,  
Madras.

H. D3-949/47 dated the 27th January 1948.

Sir,

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Indian Council of Agricultural  
Research - Soil Science Committee meeting to  
consider Dr. Shuhart's Report - Reports of  
the Dry Farming Development Officer and the  
Government Agricultural Chemist - Submitted.

Ref: G.O. (Ms) No.5337 Dev. dated 29th November 1947  
G.O. (Ms) No.5707 Dev. dated the 10th Decr.1947

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I enclose copies of reports submitted by the Government  
Agricultural Chemist and the Dry Farming Development Officer,  
who attended the meeting cited above on the 23rd December 1947.

M.S. SIVARAMAN  
Director of Agriculture.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SOIL  
SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 23rd DECEMBER 1947 TO CONSIDER THE  
REPORTS OF DR. STEWART ON MANURING AND DR. SHUHART ON CONSERVATION.

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President Sri Dattar Singh.

In the forenoon, Dr. Stewart's report on Soil fertility and the  
problem of manuring was considered. The necessity for the adoption  
of a uniform procedure in conducting Soil Surveys and the need for  
the recognition of the different soil types and mapping the same  
was emphasised. A Soil Science Sub Committee has been proposed to  
go into the question of preparing detailed procedure for adoption  
and that it should meet in the month of February with definite  
proposals. The conduct of simple manurial experiments in culti-  
vators fields and detailed manurial experiments in central stations  
were recommended. These stations should be in representative areas  
of the tract and the soils should be typical of the tract. The  
organisation of trials in the districts will cost over 30 lakhs  
of Rupees and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research will  
finance 50 per cent of the cost.

In the afternoon a discussion took place on the Soil Conserva-  
tion Report of Dr. Shuhart. It was agreed that a central organi-  
sation for the prevention of Soil Erosion, consisting of Soil  
conservation Experts, Forest Officers and Engineers should be brought  
into being. It was agreed that when soil survey parties are formed  
the survey with regard to erosion should also be done simultaneously.  
A central organisation to train workers, for those provinces that  
have not yet started work should be formed. Suitable laws should  
be framed to take power to protect the soil. The co-operation of  
the rural community should be sought. I mentioned during the  
debate, that a draft bill entitled the Madras Land Improvements  
Act 1947 has been prepared somewhat on the Bombay model and is  
under the consideration of the Government. A sub committee has  
been proposed to go in detail with these questions and prepare  
Agenda for a conference of the workers to take place in February  
1948. The workers on Dry Farming will visit Solapur in October  
1948 to see the work in progress and draw up specific recommen-  
dations.

P. KRISHNA RAO  
Dry Farming Development Officer.